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IMPOSTER WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES SUSPECTED OF DEL CERRO RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department detectives are investigating a residential burglary that occurred in the Del Cerro community on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

At about 12:45 p.m., a male posing as an employee of the City of San Diego Water Department went to the home of an elderly couple and told them he was there to check on a problem with their plumbing. He said he needed to be allowed inside to check their faucets.

While this male distracted the residents, a second suspect entered the home and stole cash and jewelry from the bedrooms. The suspects left on foot together. No vehicle was seen.

Both suspects are described as Hispanic males between 35-40 years of age. Both were about 6' tall, weighing approximately 200 pounds, with dark hair. The initial suspect spoke Spanish while talking on his cell phone during part of the contact.

Citizens are cautioned to be wary of such scams. In order to protect themselves from such imposters, citizens can find safety information on the City's website at www.sandiego.gov/water/operations/imposters and be aware of the following:

- City employees wear a uniform and badge or identification
- Look for City vehicles with proper City decals
- Water quality samples are generally taken from outside the residence
- Employees do not collect past-due bills in person or engage in door to door sales

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department Eastern Division at (858) 495-7900 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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